

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Adams County Fire Protection District, held at the District's Station 11, at 1675 W. 69th Ave, Denver, CO 80229

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026

Board Members Present

Ken Lombardi	President/Chairman
Michael DeMattee	Vice President
Mario Molinaro	Secretary
Ken Ciancio	Treasurer
Joe Domenico	Assistant Secretary

Also Present

Clinton Garner	Fire Chief
Jamie Wood	Deputy Chief, Operations
Thom Jeffries	Division Chief of Planning and Logistics
Christina Marchese	Executive Assistant to the Chiefs
Mike Eason	IAFF Local 2403, President
Michelle Ferguson	District Legal Counsel (virtual)

Call to Order

Secretary Molinaro called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Welcome the Audience

President Lombardi welcomed all in attendance.

Moment of Silence

President Lombardi called for a moment of silence for all the fallen firefighters from across the US, 63 to date in 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Lombardi led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Secretary Molinaro made a motion to approve the agenda as posted for this evening. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary Molinaro made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2026. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Molinaro made a motion to accept the Special Board Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2026. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Month's Financial Statement

Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to approve the July and August 2026 Financial Statements as posted. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Deputy Chief of Operations Chief Wood expressed gratitude to ACFR Battalion Chief Jana Gilchrist and the C-Shift crews involved in the surprise concert at the Grizzly Rose featuring Yukon Jack, a.k.a. Garth Brooks.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

New Business

Discussion regarding the October Board Meeting Date

Chief Garner stated that the draft 2027 Budget must be presented to the Board by October 15th. He explained that the October meeting is scheduled for the week the Chiefs will be at the Fire Leadership Conference in Keystone. Chief Garner asked the Board to move the October meeting from October 21st to October 14th. Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to move the Board meeting from October 21st to October 14th. Secretary Molinaro seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Garner stated that a committee comprised of Chief Wood, Chief Jeffries, Finance Director Peterson, President Lombardi, and Treasurer Ciancio will review the 2027 Budget prior to the meeting. Chief Garner stated he will send a calendar invite for this meeting. Chief Garner also stated that the District is moving away from a third-party accounting group and completing all financial reporting in-house with Finance Director Peterson and Accounting Specialist Straight.

Attorney Ferguson stated that the public hearing for the 2027 ACFR budget will be conducted at the November Board meeting.

Chief's Report

Chief Garner stated that the North Area Fire Chiefs are making progress on interoperability of the area departments' CAD systems. He said he understands that by the end of the year, the City of Boulder, Weld County, and Boulder County should all be able to communicate with one another. Chief Garner stated that getting JeffCOM fully interoperable is next.

Planning and Logistics Chief Jeffries said he is working with District legal counsel and AJI to finalize their move from 909 E 68th Ave and 6851 Downing Street. He also informed the board that a committee is working on how to use this new parcel of land for future training.

Chief Jeffries stated that the old admin building has been cleaned out, the carpet is being cleaned, and the walls are being painted. He told the Board that Code 4 will move from the Training Center and use some of the offices at 8055 Washington Street. Chief Garner mentioned that some of the old admin space will also be used as a development center for the District.

Emergency Manager Chief Schuman is appearing for the last time as a Division Chief for the District before he retires. Emergency Manager Schuman stated that he is working with the Adams County Sheriff and North Metro Fire Rescue Chief Daugherty to discuss increasing funding for the Adams Broomfield Hazmat team.

Chief Garner told the board that Chief Schuman will return to the District in his capacity as civilian Emergency Manager after he takes some vacation time.

Deputy Chief of Operations Chief Wood informed the board that Station 10 at 7980 Elmwood Lane will reopen on October 2nd. For the next 90 days, the station will be only staffed with a medic unit. At that point, the District will review the CAD data and re-evaluate whether the District should place an engine there. Chief Wood mentioned that he will keep the Board updated if anything changes.

Union Report

President Eason stated that he did not have a written report this month. He informed the Board that Local 2403 has been busy with its work on the Sales Tax initiative, and the Union members are projected to reach 14,000 households, going door to door.

Attorney Report

Attorney Ferguson attended this evening's meeting virtually due to illness. She advised that the District has a lot of projects going on and has been keeping the legal team busy this past month. She had nothing to add beyond what was in her written report.

Report from the Board

President Lombardi – Thank you, Chief Schuman, for helping facilitate the acquisition of the piece of the World Trade Center, great job!

Vice President DeMattee – nothing to report

Secretary Molinaro – nothing to report

Treasurer Ciancio – nothing to report

Assistant Secretary Domenico – nothing to report

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Secretary Molinaro and a second by Assistant Secretary Domenico at 6:14 pm.



Ken Lombardi, President



Mario Molinaro, Secretary

